

WSACE
Board of Directors Meeting
January 30, 2008
Skamania Lodge – Stevenson, Washington

Members Present

Kent Cash, President
Derek Pohle, President Elect
Brian Stacy, Secretary/Treasurer
Ryan Lopossa, NACE Representative
Ross Dunfee, Immediate Past President
Joe Rutan, Western District Representative

Guests

Walt Olsen, CRAB
Steve Hillesland, CRAB
Jeff Monsen, CRAB

Members Absent

Todd O'Brien, Eastern District Representative

Action Taken

President Cash called the meeting to order at 10:03am.

Business Discussion

No Report.

President's Report – (Kent Cash)

WSACE Managing Director's position update by Mr. Cash. Mr. Cash stated that we had one application from Montana and it was decided we needed to re-advertise in order to get a reasonable applicant pool to choose from. This position will be advertised as "open until filled" this next go around. We hope to make the first cut in approximately 2 ½ weeks from this date. There is also discussion about raising the salary to make the position more competitive. The membership is encouraged to contact individuals they believe would be good candidates so as to insure we find a quality individual. It's still anticipated that the MOU between WSACE and WSAC will be signed in the next two weeks, and certainly before we hire this new position.

Mr. Cash encouraged the Board to take the time to review the legislative updates that Reid Wheeler sends out, they have tremendous value. The format is very user friendly, accurate and up to date.

The Board briefly discussed the Day Labor legislation and its inherent pitfalls.

WSACE dues will be discussed in more detail between Mr. Cash and Karen Pendleton next week. If time allows Brian Stacy should join the discussion as well since this will affect the billing for our organization.

"Timber Counties" are definitely going to take a big hit by way of revenue losses immediately as a result of the unsuccessful attempt to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Communities Act. As an example we were told Skamania County will

likely see significant layoffs throughout the organization and many other counties may face similar dilemmas.

Presidents-Elect's Report - (Derek Pohle)

Mr. Pohle discussed the Past President's Committee and the fact that we need to develop a purpose for this group. He also discussed the new County Engineers on board across the state and suggested the Board members take the time to introduce themselves.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report – (Brian Stacy)

Mr. Stacy handed out two items for the Boards review and comment, one was the current status of WSACE funds (year to date actuals) and the other was an update of WSACE's 2008 Budget. The Board discussed possible variations of the budget format to make the document easier understandable to the membership.

NACE Report – (Ryan Lopossa)

Mr. Lopossa noted the fact that there are 17,000 bridges nationwide that are behind in there bridge inspections. See the latest report from NACE that was emailed out to all by Karen Pendleton.

Reminded everyone about the upcoming NACE event in Portland (April, 2008) and the fact that Mr. Lopossa will be coordinating an event on Monday night for Washington NACE members, more to come on that.

Mr. Lopossa reminded the Board that we need to stay on top of the NACE "Engineer of the Year" award and "Project/Program Manager of the Year" award since there were very few applications nationwide, and in fact no one submitted for the Project/Program Manager from Washington. We certainly have many deserving individuals in our State... so let's make sure we recognize them.

CRAB Report – (Walt Olsen)

Mr. Olsen discussed the Bridge legislation (HB 2969) and that CRAB will be testifying at the legislature this Thursday. This is a major new effort to fix or replace deficient local government bridges; however, there is no money with this bill, simply penalties. This bill is being opposed by our organization.

HB 2981, concerning the regulation of surface mines, is also being closing watched by CRAB and opposed by our organization as well.

SB 6822, relating to establishing bills to reduce vehicle miles driven received some minor discussion.

Eastern District Report - (Todd O'Brien)

Mr. O'Brien was absent. Mr. Dunfee wanted to discuss whether or not there is interest in doing Eastside/Westside breakout session in either of the upcoming WSAC meetings or perhaps at a future WSACE event. Please contact Todd or Ross if that is of interest to you.

Western District Report - (Joe Rutan)

No news to report.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Monsen discussed general legislative issues he is hearing from Olympia and the primary dialogue in the Transportation arena is for tolling and congestion pricing. This week, and next, are filled with many hearings at the legislature and it's imperative that we watch for changes very closely so we don't miss anything that could have impacts to our organization.

Adjourned at 11:30am.

Respectfully submitted:

Brian D. Stacy

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